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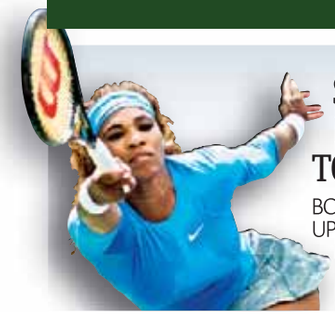

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Why Ford became a social media phenom

Mayor about town.
Past behaviour fuels online frenzy, profs say

The level of "social media paparazzi" surrounding Rob Ford is unprecedented, media and online experts say, as videos showing the Toronto mayor enjoying a night on the town have sparked renewed questions about his behaviour.

Three short videos posted online, one of which was titled "Mayor Rob Ford wants to party," show the mayor at a street festival bantering with people who had surrounded him and were posing for pictures with him, taking photos and shooting video.

Within minutes the criticism started pouring in on Twitter, with many people accusing the mayor of being drunk and ridiculing his behaviour. Media outlets ran stories on the reaction the following day. One of the Ford videos was on YouTube's main page for most of the weekend.

Greg Elmer, professor of new media in Ryerson's television arts program, said the lightening speed of the reaction doesn't surprise him.

Elmer said that part of the problem is that the mayor has made a habit of taking pictures with everyone who requests it.

"This is an individual who likes to show up and have a drink now and again apparently," said Elmer, who has recently been researching controversial videos, photos and blog posts of celebrities or other public figures.

"That kind of behaviour has started to get him into more and more trouble."

Peter Loewen, an assistant professor of political science at the University of Toronto, said the mayor is receiving the high level of attention due to unresolved questions of an alleged video appearing to show Ford smoking crack cocaine.

Ford has denied he uses crack and said he can't comment on a video that does not exist.

But once stories surfaced of a purported video, "the game changed for him," said Loewen, adding, Ford hasn't yet given "a credible explanation" on the issue. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Intoxicating presence

There have been media reports in the past of Ford appearing intoxicated in public. In May Torstar News Service reported allegations that Ford showed up drunk at an official function.

- In 2006, before Ford was mayor, he admitted he had too much to drink and verbally abused a couple at a Maple Leafs game after initially denying the incident.
- In 2010, Ford recounted an incident from the '90s where he was charged with driving under the influence and marijuana possession. Ford at first denied the allegations, but later admitted to both.

WATER'S FINE. C'MON IN

Paul and Helen Trentadue from Markham have fun with their son Michael at Woodbine Beach on Sunday. Despite the naysayers, the waters in Toronto beaches have a earned much better reputation in the last decade — eight of them have been deemed "world-class" by the international Blue Flag Program. Story, page 4. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Dog DNA: Couple unlock the mystery of their mutt

All mixed up. Toronto company analyzes breeds as well as traits and health risks

Coco may have started off as a skinny "mystery mutt," one of scores of mixed-breed dogs that forage at the garbage dump in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. But to say she has ended up one "lucky dog" is an understatement.

She was picked up by animal rescuers who brought her to the SPCA shelter, which is run by volunteers, both local and international.

One of those volunteers is Toronto retiree Margo McLeod, who, with her husband, Rob, spends several months a year in the city. She had finally decided last December that she was ready to adopt a dog and went to the SPCA. She was sitting on the floor when a dog came up to her, gave her a sniff and would not take no for an answer, McLeod said.

It was destiny

"Coco chose me ... she would not leave my side. She put her paws on my leg, and that was it. She was looking at me and it was as if she was saying, 'Let's go home.'" Margo McLeod

Back in Toronto, she and her husband decided it would be good to know more about the makeup of her dog.

She had heard about a Toronto company, DNA My Dog, which will analyze the DNA taken from a mouth swab and give a printout of the dog's breeds and traits as well as its health risks.

Coco's inside cheek was swabbed and the results sent off for analysis. It turns out she has large parts of beagle and Italian greyhound and smaller parts of English setter and German Shepherd.

Torontonian Margo McLeod holds Coco at the SPCA in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Coco now lives in Toronto. CONTRIBUTED

DNA My Dog has been offering the test for about five years. It does tens of thousands per year in North America, and about 3,000 to 4,000 annually in Toronto alone, company president Mindy Tenenbaum said. It also has many clients from around the world who get in touch through the website.

The process costs $59.99 in Ontario, plus extra for shipping and tax. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Love is in the air: Lovebot army set to invade city

Matthew Del Degan, the artist behind the Love Invasion project.
ALYSHAH HASHAM/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Lovebot No. 009 spreads the love of reading in Leslieville.

In his outstretched arm, the 250-pound concrete robot statue holds books out to passersby, courtesy of Christine Timms. She owns the Atomic ToyBot store where one of a few Lovebots first showed up in the city in April.

Now an army of them is ready to invade Toronto,

The child-sized grey robots with their protruding red hearts and hug-ready arms are street art with a simple agenda, says artist Matthew Del Degan.

"We're not just faceless robots working in the city," he says. "We have hearts."

Dozens of the robot statues are assembled on a tennis court at his family home in Vaughan. They will be deployed in the coming weeks to sites around Toronto, where they will represent an act of love or kindness.

Del Degan, 23, is an industrial-design student at the Ontario College of Art and Design. He developed the Lovebot character four years ago in a class. It first went out into the world as a sticker posted on walls in Toronto and around the globe.

Then he decided to take his character from 2D to 3D. It took two years to get the robots produced, from designing the plywood moulds to procuring (and lugging around) 25,000 pounds of concrete. Over the past three months, with a team of about 20 volunteers, Del Degan cast 100 robots.

"I think people just love the non-political element to the street art," Timms said. "It's purely sweet and simple."

Plus, the neighbourhood loves him — and was horrified when he had his arm broken in an attempted theft.

Luckily, a local contractor volunteered to fix him, Timms said.

The location and story attached to each Lovebot can be seen at an interactive map at Lovebot.com. The Lovebot crew are still looking for stories, which can be submitted through the website.

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Don't be afraid to take a dip

Blue Flag. Toronto's beaches are safe to swim despite their murky reputation, says water monitor

The sights before Daniel Sinclair are so stunning they could move him to tears.

"It's a glorious day," says the 41-year-old while gazing into the distance Sunday morning, his feet deep in a mound of sand. "The lake looks like there are crushed diamonds across the water. It's beautiful."

No, he's not standing along the Bondi Bay. He's at Woodbine Beach, which, believe it or not, he finds comparable to the sandy shores in his hometown of Sydney.

But nobody in Toronto seems to believe him.

"People are shocked when I say I come here to swim," he says. "Meanwhile, I'm looking around and wondering, 'Where is everybody?'"

Quoted

"People seem to think their toe is going to fall off if they stick their foot in the water. That's just not true."

Blue Flag program co-ordinator Brett Tryon

Thanks to Lake Ontario's grimy reputation, a great many Torontonians are still mistrustful of the city's beaches, even though eight of them — including Woodbine — have been deemed "world-class" by the international Blue Flag Program.

The globally recognized eco-label is awarded to beaches that meet a strict set of 32 criteria, from water quality to environmental management to safety.

"Looking at the last decade, Toronto's beaches have had consistently good water quality," says Blue Flag program co-ordinator Brett Tryon.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Family wants financial aid after Carnival death

Rueshad Grant, seen in an undated photo posted by his sister Tamika, centre, to Instagram, died after falling under the wheels of a transport truck in the hours after the Caribbean Carnival parade wrapped up on Aug. 3. His family is asking the city and the festival organizers to help pay for the funeral. A spokesperson for the Scotiabank Toronto Caribbean Carnival says organizers are "aware of the Grants' needs" and are working to address them. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Skip the lines

City plans site for ferry-ticket sales

Those looking to skip burgeoning ticket lines for the Toronto Island ferry might have an alternative as early as January.

The city plans to hire a company to build a dedicated website that would sell tickets online, allowing passengers to skip ticket lines and go straight through the pre-purchase line.

They hope to have it up and running by the end of this year, said William White, supervisor of marine services for the Toronto Island Ferry Service.

The city would then have the rest of the one-year contract to "iron out certain kinks and bugs."

The contract includes possible extensions for support and maintenance for an additional four years and is valued at $588,908.33.

The news was met with excitement and jokes of "it's 2013, not sure what they waited for" by ferry users. About 1.25 million people took the ferry in 2012. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Danforth footage 'blown out of proportion,' Ford says

Mayor Rob Ford and his brother Coun. Doug Ford broadcast their weekly radio talk show at Newstalk 1010 Sunday. KEITH BEATTY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mayor Rob Ford acknowledges having a few beers on Friday night while attending the Taste of the Danforth festival, but said he didn't drive home afterward.

"Did I have a couple of beers? Absolutely I had a couple of beers. But you know what, I had a good time," Ford said on his Sunday radio show on Newstalk 1010. "I think things are getting blown out of proportion."

That was a reference to videos and photos that surfaced on YouTube and Twitter on Friday night that showed the mayor appearing to slur his words.

He talked about wanting to party on the Danforth, where the annual Greek festival is held.

"If I offended anyone, you know what, I apologize," Ford said on the air.

Quoted

"I don't believe I did offend anyone, and if I did, you know what, I had a good time and let my hair down a bit." Mayor Rob Ford

The mayor said he drove himself to the festival area and he "was not drinking." But after having a few beers, Ford said he did not drive home because he was met by members of his staff.

His brother added that he also joined the mayor at Taste of the Danforth.

"We go down to a festival. We have a couple beers and you have everyone on you," Coun. Doug Ford said.

A man named Harrison phoned into the radio show on Sunday and pointed out that the councillor had said in a previous interview months ago that his brother doesn't drink.

Doug Ford acknowledged he has seen his brother with a couple of drinks, but added: "Rob doesn't sit there in public hammering away on drinks."

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Man jailed in N. Korea very sick: Family

Hospitalization.
U.S. State Department has called for Kenneth Bae's release on humanitarian grounds

Kenneth Bae poses with his niece Ella in Washington state in this undated family photo. COURTESY TERRY CHUNG/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An American man detained in North Korea for the past nine months has been hospitalized after losing more than 50 pounds, and the need to bring him home is becoming more urgent, his sister said Sunday.

Kenneth Bae, a 45-year-old tour operator and Christian missionary, was arrested last November and accused of subversive activities against the communist government. He was sentenced in May to 15 years hard labour, and in letters to his family in the Seattle area he described working in the fields weeding and planting beans and potatoes.

His sister, Terri Chung of Edmonds, Wash., said Sunday the family recently learned that he has been transferred from the labour camp to a hospital. Her brother suffers from diabetes, an enlarged heart, liver problems and back pain, she said.

"He's considerably weaker," Chung said. "There's more urgency than ever to bring him home."

For years Bae, a father of three, led small tour groups into a "special economic zone" designed to encourage commerce in the northeastern region of Roson in North Korea, Chung said.

Several years ago, Bae gave a sermon in which he advocated bringing Americans to North Korea for a mass prayer session to bring about the reunification of North and South Korea. The charges against him included "hostile acts" against the government. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Powerful Typhoon Utor threatens Philippines

A worker folds a billboard ad that shows the San Antonio Spurs' Tony Parker as people brace for powerful Typhoon Utor in Manila, Philippines, on Sunday. At least 47 fishermen were missing and more than 7,500 passengers stranded in piers Sunday as authorities warned of possible flash floods and landslides. AARON FAVILA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Norway

Hail to the chief: Taxi riders driven by PM turned cabbie

Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg dressed up as a taxi driver and took passengers around Oslo in an unusual election campaign stunt.

A video that his Labor Party posted on social media Sunday shows the candid-camera-like moments when the passengers realize the man behind the wheel is Stoltenberg.

The prime minister says the point was to find out "what people really think."

Labor Party spokeswoman Pia Gulbrandsen said most of the passengers hailed Stoltenberg's cab while others "were told that they would be picked up" but not by whom.

Norway's parliamentary election is set for Sept. 9. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt

Morsi backers brace for police clashes

Supporters of ousted president Mohammed Morsi fortified their two Cairo sit-in sites as Egyptian security officials said their forces will move against the entrenched protest camps within 24 hours — perhaps as early as daybreak Monday.

At the main sit-in, vendors said they have sold hundreds of gas masks, goggles and gloves to protesters readying for police tear gas. Three waist-high barriers of concrete and wood have been built against armoured vehicles.

Egypt, where more than 250 people have been killed in clashes since Morsi was toppled July 3, braced for more violence as the four-day Muslim Eid celebrations wrapped up Sunday to end the holy month of Ramadan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Suspect shot dead. Teen and abductor stood out in wild: Horseback riders

The four horseback riders who encountered a California teen and her abductor said Sunday that they decided to contact police because the pair seemed out of place and ill-equipped for the Idaho wilderness.

Mark John said the man, who he later identified as the wanted James Lee DiMaggio, 40, wasn't friendly and carried only a light pack. The girl, 16-year-old Hannah Anderson, was wearing pyjamas.

DiMaggio was killed by authorities Saturday.

The mountainous area is extremely steep, and the closest point where the helicopters could drop the FBI Hostage Rescue Team was more than a two-hour hike away. The agents crept close to the camp, waited until DiMaggio and Hannah separated, and then moved in.

The case began when the charred bodies of Hannah's mother, Christina Anderson, 44, and eight-year-old brother, Ethan Anderson, were found on Aug. 4 in DiMaggio's burning house outside San Diego. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

James Lee DiMaggio, 40, left, was suspected of abducting family friend Hannah Anderson, 16. SAN DIEGO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Young boys killed by python laid to rest

Mandy Trecartin, back left, and Andrew Barthe follow the casket at the funeral for their sons Noah and Connor Barthe at St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church in Campbellton, N.B., on Saturday. The two young boys were killed by a python while they slept in an apartment above an exotic pet store last week. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Outcry on both sides

Israel, Palestinians apparently trade homes, prisoners

Israel approved building nearly 1,200 more settlement homes Sunday and agreed to release 26 long-held Palestinian security prisoners — highlighting an apparent trade-off.

Yet voices on both sides were outraged, saying the price is too steep.

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NSA scandal

Father set to visit Snowden in exile

The father of National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden has secured documents to visit his son in Russia and plans to discuss how he could fight espionage charges, Lon Snowden said Sunday.

The elder Snowden isn't convinced his son would get a fair hearing in court, given politicians' "irresponsible" descriptions of his son's act. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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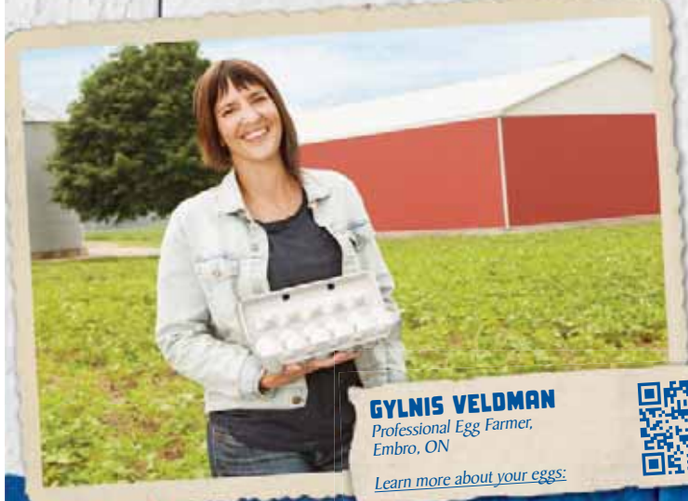

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Wartime sex slaves cry out for recognition

Second World War.
Japan has retracted past apologies, says there's no proof girls abducted

A tearful Philippine woman recounted Sunday how she was kidnapped by Japanese troops during the Second World War and forced into sex slavery, as she and her supporters gathered to demand Japan do more to bring justice to former "comfort women."

Estelita Dy, 83, and her supporters met in Tokyo as part of events to commemorate the day the first victim of Japanese sex slavery came forward on Aug. 14, 1991.

Philippine former slave Estelita Dy speaks alongside supporters in Tokyo.
SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rights groups are trying to gain international support to have Aug. 14 become a UN-recognized memorial day as a way to pressure Japan to take more responsibility.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has backpedalled from Tokyo's past apologies, saying there's no proof Japan's wartime government forced women into prostitution.

At Sunday's meeting, Dy's supporters criticized Abe's government for rejecting a UN human-rights panel's recommendations earlier this year that urged Japan to better educate the public and take steps to bring justice for the victims.

In a tearful speech, Dy said she was kidnapped at age 14 by soldiers when she went to market to sell vegetables. Dy was repeatedly raped for three weeks until American troops rescued her.

Historians say there were up to 200,000 sex slaves from across Asia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Environmentalists mark milestone 'war in the woods' protest

Clayoquot Sound. Civil disobedience act in 1993 impacts resource industries today, including current conflicts over pipelines

RCMP arrest an anti-logging protester for blocking logging trucks at Clayoquot Valley on July 30, 1993. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

It is the quiet amid the chaos just as the logging trucks and police rolled in that Tzeporah Berman remembers acutely about the "war in the woods," the fight by environmentalists 20 years ago over Clayoquot Sound that the now-seasoned campaigner says set the stage for today's battles over pipelines and other resource development issues.

Every day for almost three months during the summer of 1993, Berman and hundreds of other protesters stared down the logging trucks destined for some of Canada's most pristine old-growth forests on Vancouver Island, B.C.

Despite more than 800 arrests, including the iconic mass arrests of more than 300 people on Aug. 9, 1993, the protesters prevented the rainforest from being clear-cut, and sparked a new kind of environmental campaigning.

Environmentalists celebrated the anniversary this weekend, but the mayor of one of the communities hardest hit by the eventual decision to reverse clear-cut logging in the sound and preserve it as a UNESCO biosphere, says his community has little to cheer about.

Ucluelet Mayor Bill Irving, who worked for 20 years in forestry himself, said the suggested riches of transitioning from an economy based on forestry and fishery to one based on tourism have never really panned out.

One of the largest acts of civil disobedience in Canadian history began after the provincial government decided to allow forest products company MacMillan Bloedel — then a scion of B.C. business, but no longer in existence — to clear cut in the old-growth forest.

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Obama's vacation is no holiday for island residents

U.S. President Barack Obama reacts after missing a shot on the first hole at Farm Neck Golf Club in Oak Bluffs, Mass., on the island of Martha's Vineyard on Sunday. Unlike his past vacations here as president, Obama has upset some of the wealthy and well-connected residents of the island refuge with this visit because the Secret Service is banning vehicular traffic on a public road near Obama's six-bedroom rental home in Chilmark. JACQUELYN MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Angola mine clearance

Prince Harry follows in mom Diana's footsteps

Prince Harry

Prince Harry is visiting Angola to see mine clearance efforts there with a charity championed by his late mother, Princess Diana.

The HALO Trust charity said Saturday that Harry will be touring minefields and meeting beneficiaries of the organization's work in the southern African nation.

HALO said Harry also will visit the densely mined town of Cuito Cuanavale, a scene of heavy fighting during Angola's 1975-2002 civil war.

Diana highlighted the trust's work on a visit to a minefield being cleared by the organization in Angola in 1997.

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Family quits U.S., gets lost at sea

Hannah Gastonguay, holding her baby Rahab, is followed by her husband Sean and the couple's three-year-old daughter Ardith, as they disembark in the port city of San Antonio, Chile, on Friday. The Arizona family was lost at sea for weeks in an ill-fated attempt to leave the U.S. over what they consider government interference in religion. LAS ULTIMAS NOTICIAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rescued after adrift for weeks. Arizona clan says it tried to abandon the States over government interference in religion

A northern Arizona family has survived being lost at sea for weeks after an ill-fated attempt to leave the U.S. over what they consider government interference in religion.

Hannah Gastonguay and her family will fly back home Sunday after taking their two small children and her father-in-law and setting sail from San Diego for the tiny Pacific island nation of Kiribati in May.

Weeks into their journey, the Gastonguays hit a series of storms that damaged their small boat, leaving them adrift for weeks, unable to make progress. They were eventually picked up by a Venezuelan fishing vessel, transferred to a Japanese cargo ship and taken to Chile.

Their flights home were arranged by U.S. Embassy officials, Gastonguay said. The U.S. State Department declined to comment on Sunday.

The months-long journey has been "pretty exciting" and a "little scary at certain points," Gastonguay told The Associated Press by telephone.

The 26-year-old mother said they wanted to go to Kiribati because "we didn't want to go anywhere big." She said they understood the island to be "one of the least developed countries in the world."

Kiribati is a group of islands just off the equator and the international date line about halfway between Hawaii and Australia. The total population is just over 100,000 people of primarily Micronesian descent.

Hannah Gastonguay said her family was fed up with government control in the U.S. As Christians they don't believe in "abortion, homosexuality, in the state-controlled church," she said.

U.S. "churches aren't their own," Gastonguay said, suggesting that government regulation interfered with religious independence.

Among other differences, she said they had a problem with being "forced to pay these taxes that pay for abortions we don't agree with."

The Gastonguays weren't members of any church, and Hannah Gastonguay said their faith came from reading the Bible and through prayer.

"The Bible is pretty clear," she said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lacked the skills

"They wanted to live on a Polynesian island but they didn't have sufficient expertise to navigate adequately."

Police prefect Jose Luis Lopez, who took the family's statement told the Chilean newspaper Las Ultimas Noticias.

Quebec. Hot air balloon pilot dies in accident

An international hot air balloon festival took a tragic turn on Sunday when a 26-year-old pilot died southeast of Montreal.

Maxime Trepanier had been taking part in the festivities at the 30th edition of a popular festival in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu.

Marie-Claude Beauvais, a festival spokeswoman, said the accident happened in nearby Mont-Saint-Grégoire, perhaps while the hot air balloon was landing.

Beauvais said Trepanier was an experienced pilot and had been involved with the festival since he was a boy.

"He was very close to the festival family," said Beauvais, visibly shaken as she addressed reporters on Sunday.

Trepanier's father was also a festival pilot.

Investigators were on the scene trying to determine what caused the accident, which happened at 7:30 in the morning, said Quebec provincial police.

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A model flaunts an LED light-up bra made by California company Electric Styles. ELECTRICSTYLES.COM

After five-and-a-half years working in electronics for the U.S. Navy, Nick Kneuper went to a music festival and saw a piece of technology that caught his eye. And lo and behold, Electric Styles was born: An apparel brand that brightens your wares with electroluminescent wiring. The two-year-old Californian company lights up a variety of clothes, from bras to hoodies. Metro chatted to the ex-military man about his LED push-up bra, a $60-to-$70 US number powered by two AA batteries.

Why light up a bra?
Well, my girlfriend wore one to a club and the girls there went crazy over it.

Do you have any celebrity fans?
One of the top 20 most recognizable actresses in America is going to wear one of our bras in a 2014 feature film. But our clothes have been everywhere — (Brazilian actor) Rodrigo Santoro was wearing a light-up hoodie on MTV.

Which celebrity would you love to wear your bras?
All of them! But especially Megan Fox — I think she would love them.

Do you think one day people will wear light-up bras to the shops?
I think so. Culture is moving in the direction where light-up clothing is going to be every day. Also you can wear them under T-shirts so they shine through. Anyway, in a couple of years light-up clothing will be the norm.

Would you make matching underwear?
Every girl asks for that. It's difficult though because it's too flimsy — there's nowhere to put the battery pack.

Real estate. New data muddies predictions for housing market

Canada's much-watched housing market is sending out mixed signals these days — even for analysts.

A spate of fresh data and yet one more market-cooling tweak from Ottawa last week has put one of the most important sectors in the Canadian economy, and the most important asset-source for most Canadians, on a kind of death watch.

That's because while some of the data, such as home prices and starts, is pointing to the soothing "soft landing" that homeowners, economists, banks and politicians are fingers-crossed hoping for, others, like land purchases and building permits suggest the real message is: the crash is coming.

Is the Canadian housing market in for a hard or soft landing? Confusingly, new figures point to both possibilities. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Last week, Statistics Canada reported that building permits in the residential sector fell 12.9 per cent in June, and permits for multi-unit dwellings — mostly condos — sank even further by 18.8 per cent.

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Outer space

Satellite maker putting work of art into orbit

If aliens ever target Earth, Jon Gibson and Amanda White are counting on them having a sense of humour and an appreciation for pop art.

The duo has created an elaborate, Andy Warhol-like design that has been etched onto the panel of a satellite, transforming the spacecraft into a replica of an oversized electrical charging device.

Craig Clark, who runs the Scotland-based company preparing to launch the satellite on Oct. 29, said that of the 1,000 or so functioning satellites that race around Earth every day, there isn't one he knows of that also doubles as art.

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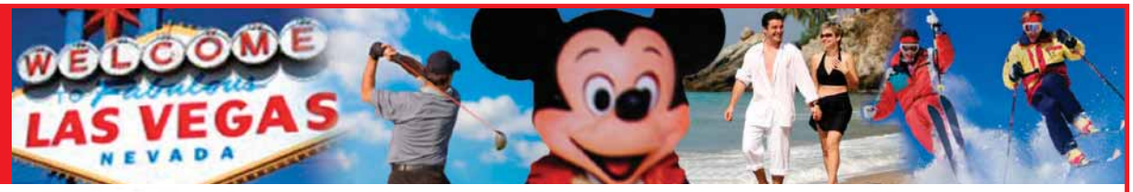

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TOO EARLY TO COUNT OUT UNDERDOGS

URBAN COMPASS

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Toronto's next municipal election campaign is still months away from its official kickoff date, but already it's feeling like a bit of a foregone conclusion, with the front-runners for city hall's top job already established.

On the hypothetical 2014 mayoral ballot, we've got likely names like Karen Stintz, Olivia Chow and maybe John Tory, if the dude ever gets around to making a decision. There's always the incumbent, of course, who says he'll definitely be running. But who knows where Mayor Rob Ford's political fortunes will stand by the time the January registration date rolls around. He's a bit prone to scandal — you might have heard about those.

But as much as the mayoral race may seem to be narrowing around a handful of front-runners, there's good reason not to discount lesser-known candidates. Toronto's political history is rife with cases where presumed shoo-in candidates tripped over their own feet.

In 2010, former MPP George Smitherman was considered such an ideal and obvious choice early in the campaign that we looked set for a boring election. But he was blown out of the water by Ford, who started his campaign in obscurity. Some pundits and politicians actually encouraged Ford to run only because they thought it would be funny to see him lose. Whoops.

Before that, there was the 2003 campaign, where what was expected to be a race between Barbara Hall and Tory turned into a major victory for previously little-known city councillor David Miller.

So let's not be so quick to discount some of the other names who may jump into the race in 2014. When former budget chief and Scarborough city councillor David Soknacki mused about running for the job last month, few paid much attention — but candidates like him — who offer clean slates, strong local roots and city hall experience — are worth keeping in mind.

In addition to Soknacki, there are other lesser-known candidates who have mused about running who are worth a look. Take Coun. Shelley Carroll. She's got experience as budget chief and an uncanny ability to understand both downtown and suburban perspectives. And if not her, then what about rookie Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam? She's done incredible work with the businesses in her ward — and kept her cool through a challenging council term.

Whatever the name, in a race where the current top dogs are going to be tarred as scandal-makers, opportunists, flip-floppers and arrogant outsiders, there's a real opportunity for a lesser-known candidate to come in and start building support with a different kind of campaign.

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When history repeats

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Read more of Matt's blog, Ford for Toronto, at metronews.ca

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Ajoy Pinto CONTRIBUTED

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We're grateful to have known such a passionate, gentle, funny and talented man.

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Ajoy Leon Pinto
Born: April 22, 1977
Passed away: Aug. 9, 2013
Beloved son of Tony and Alphonsa.
Brother of Arjun and Lisa.
Marketing dude. Visual artist. Photog. Sports junkie.
Early adopter. Foodie. Movie buff. Baseball fan.
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Gerry & Nancy Pencer Brain Trust.
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– Yogi Berra

ZOOM

How do you pick where to picnic?

PETER KLAUNZER/KEYSTONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This piece is a little bit patchy

People picnic on a huge picnic blanket Sunday on the Ruggisberg near Roggwil, Switzerland. The picnic blanket is an art installation called Bignick by the artistic twin brothers Frank and Patrik Riklin.
GETTY IMAGES

Embedded in society

"It should be placed in the middle of society, not in the museum! The best pieces of art are not recognized as such."

Frank Riklin said on his website.
The duo began creating interventions in public spaces 10 years ago while they were both studying at art schools separately in Zurich and Berlin.

Playing jokes like when they were kids

Their projects often engage with people who become actors in a performance. Sometimes their works have social implications that are partly a gag, and part philanthropy.

One project is a shabby phone that the twins installed on the side of the town hall building in Chur, Switzerland, that functions to raise money for deaf people. The potential donor calls a number and establishes how much they would like to donate to the project. At that point the telephone set up in Chur rings, and any passerby who answers the call saves the donation from dropping. METRO

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Find out why Robin Thicke and Icona Pop think their multiplatinum hits should be named "song of the summer." And for Miley Cyrus, Daft Punk and Bruno Mars, who weren't available to chat, here are some lyrics from their anthems to defend their honour.

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5 song of summer contenders

You know you want it

Blurred Lines: Robin Thicke, featuring T.I. and Pharrell
"It has a (nice) tempo, it has a sense of humour and it feels like live music instead of that synth and digital sound, which Daft Punk has (with Get Lucky) and (Bruno Mars') Treasure has," Thicke said of his infectious, naughty jam, the longest-running song on the Billboard Hot 100 chart this year at eight weeks (and counting).

Call it luck

Get Lucky: Daft Punk, featuring Pharrell
"We've come too far to give up who we are, so let's raise the bar and our cups to the stars," Pharrell sings on a disco-flavoured beat that heals the soul. "The present has no ribbon, your gift keeps on giving, what is this I'm feeling, if you wanna leave I'm with it."
Sounds like a plan!

A 2012 song dominates in 2013

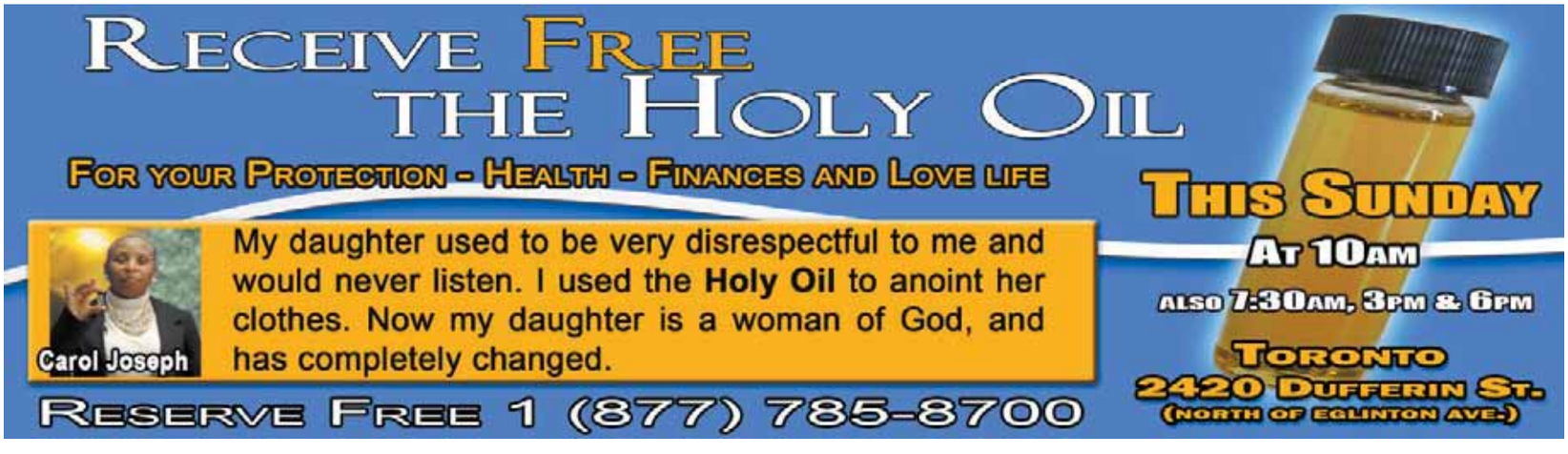
I Love It: Icona Pop, featuring Charli XCX
"People get wild when they hear it and it's like liberating and everybody can sing along to it. It's a party song or it's at least a song you can party to even though the message is coming out from a really hard heartbreak," said Caroline Hjelt of the Swedish duo. "If you're in the car on your way to something or festivals or pre-parties or out at the club, it works in so many ways."

Can't stop, won't stop

We Can't Stop: Miley Cyrus
"It's our party we can do what we want to, it's our house we can love who we want to, it's our song we can sing if we want to, it's my mouth I can say what I want to," Cyrus sings on her musical coming-out anthem that was originally meant for Rihanna. She's ready for the spotlight.

Golden hit from pop's golden boy

Treasure: Bruno Mars
"Pretty girl, pretty girl, pretty girl, you should be smiling; a girl like you should never look so blue," Mars sings in a matter-of-fact manner over a welcoming beat on his 11th top 10 hit. "You're everything I see in my dreams, I wouldn't say that to you if it wasn't true."
How sweet.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The Word

Oh baby, it's been quite a week with the Kardashians

Just in case you needed to know what is up with America's favourite Armenian family, it looks like Kourtney Kardashian has some explaining to do. On Thursday, Michael Girgenti, a professional model, filed a paternity suit in Los Angeles County Superior Court, saying that he had a one-night stand with Kardashian. Which wouldn't be all that noteworthy, except he is saying her son Mason is actually his and not Scott Disick's. The model is now seeking joint custody of Mason. Kardashian's lawyer, Shawn Holley, said in a statement that Girgenti's accusations are "false and defamatory."

Meanwhile, sis Kim Kardashian is still refusing to sell pictures of baby North West. TMZ is reporting that she and baby daddy Kanye West have been offered upwards of $3 million for pictures of the tot, but they have declined all offers. Per the website, Kim and Kanye are either going to release them to an upscale publication (Vanity Fair is reportedly being thrown around) or they are going to put them up on social media, a la Blue Ivy.

Vince Vaughn ALL IMAGES GETTY

Vince Vaughn celebrates birth of second child

Vince Vaughn is a dad once again. The Wedding Crashers star and his wife, Kyla Weber, welcomed their second child, a boy, last week, according to Us Weekly. The baby boy, named Vernon Lindsay Vaughn, joins two-year-old big sister Locklyn Kyla Vaughn. Vernon arrived weighing in at eight pounds, four ounces at a hospital outside of L.A.

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Matching up missing socks

Our clothes dryer seems to be a Bermuda Triangle for socks and I'm sure yours is the same. They go in as a pair, but come out individually on different occasions.

When a sock comes out on its own, I throw it into a container.

Each time I do laundry and a new batch of one-sided socks come out, I make it into a fun matching game for the kids.

I have them go through all the new socks and the socks in the container to see if there are any matches. The kids have fun searching for matches and it always results in a few happy sock reunions!

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Safety tips

Taking your children into crowds

If you are going into a crowded venue with young children, here are three easy safety steps you can always employ to ensure their safety — and your sanity.

1. Put your business card in the child's pocket.

2. With a marker, write your cellphone number on the back of the child's hand.

3. Take a photo of each child with your phone. Should you become separated from a child, it will be easier for you to be reconnected.

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Life according to kids

Lessons. We could learn a lot from our children — like friendliness

TANYA ENBERG
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With a baby comes the old neighbourhood lady in the faded floral frock.

Sitting on our front porch bench is the only cue this woman needs to climb our stoop and, using a squeaky, high-pitched voice, repeatedly tell our child she loves him.

She also calls out an onslaught of orders (she wants him to shake her hand, wave, smile and clap). That he's not a circus monkey willing to perform tricks on demand only makes her press harder. "Shake my hand! Here! Here! Shake my hand!" she says over and over.

We don't know this woman. In fact, she barely acknowledges us, which makes this all more than just a little strange.

We suspect she's lonely, that this small interaction makes her day, so we're patient.

Of course this overzealous, baby-induced behaviour is not exclusive to her. Nothing turns presumably sane folks into big piles of goo-goo-ga-ga mush quite like fresh-faced, apple-cheeked babies.

Indeed they can inspire even the grouchiest of adults to start babbling nonsensically like oversized infants.

It's understandable — getting treated to a little squish's gummy grin is like being hugged inside and out.

It is somewhat addictive, really. We find them irresistible because they are refreshingly open to the world and fascinated by the people in it.

For instance, our son doesn't turn steely-faced when someone looks his direction. He doesn't try to avoid eye contact by sticking his nose in a giant picture book.

Like his very huggable peers, he's not cynical or greedy and he doesn't know how to lie.

Adults, take notes from kids and smile at people you pass by instead of avoiding eye contact at all costs. ISTOCK

He is naturally warm and kind, and has boundless amounts of unbridled curiosity.

Parents, don't you just wish you could bottle this innocence, wonderment and untarnished state of being and hold onto it forever?

If only we could keep just some of that spirit alive.

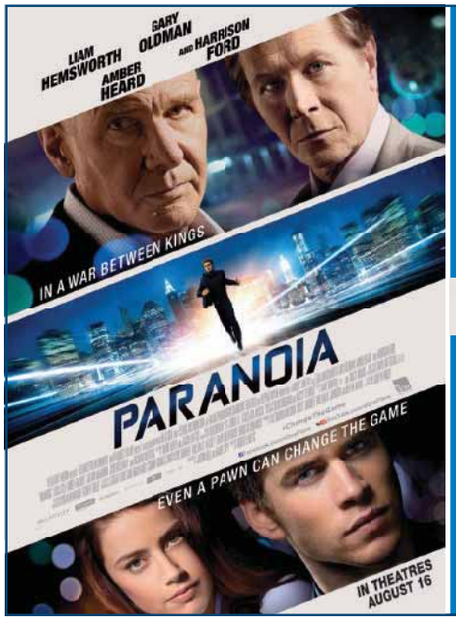
The number of passersby willing to wave, giggle, coo and play peek-a-boo with unfamiliar children is astonishing, but the rate at which they close down the instant they see another grownup is depressing.

For a moment, like the creaky lady who lives up the street, they've made a connection. Then, just as quickly, they've hardened up, put on a coating of thick, impermeable skin, and set off again.

Certainly I am not suggesting we go around greeting everyone like overexcited puppies, but basic civility wouldn't be too much to ask for, would it? We could simply acknowledge one another. Smile. Say hello.We could learn a lot from these tiny, happy creatures that so easily draw us out of our protective shells.

After all, we were once just like them, smiling, laughing and loving fully. Living vivaciously and unselfconsciously and inquisitively.

And, finally, we were appreciative of the simple things in life, and that truly is no small thing. YUMMYMUMMYCLUB.CA IS AN ONLINE RESOURCE TO HELP BUSY WOMEN SURVIVE MOTHERHOOD



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This is a simple and delicious trendy Asian chicken dish that goes well over soba noodles.

The sesame seed coating gives a crunchy texture to this meal. If you can find the black and white mixed sesame seeds, the appearance is enhanced.

1. Preheat the oven to 375 F (190 C). Line a baking sheet with foil sprayed with vegetable spray.

2. Combine egg and milk, dip chicken breast in wash, then in sesame seeds, and salt and pepper. Place on baking sheet and bake 15 minutes or until the temperature reaches 160 F (71 C). Let cool for 5 minutes.

3. Boil soba noodles until just tender (about 5 minutes). Drain and place on serving dish. Place chicken overtop.

Ingredients

- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp 2% milk
- 1 lb (500 g) boneless chicken breast
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) toasted sesame seeds
- pinch of salt and pepper

Soy maple glaze

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) soy sauce
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) maple syrup
- 2 tsp (10 ml) cornstarch

- 4 oz (125 g) soba noodles
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped cilantro for garnish

4. To make the soy maple glaze: Place soy sauce, maple syrup and cornstarch in a small saucepan and whisk until the cornstarch is dissolved. Bring to a boil and simmer for 2 minutes just until slightly thickened.

5. Drizzle glaze over chicken and garnish with cilantro.

Healthy eating

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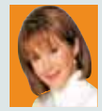

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1 clove garlic
12 basil leaves
¼ cup pine nuts

PREPARATION

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil.
2. In 2 small pots, steam the mussels and clams. Reserve broth and discard shells.
3. In a large skillet, sauté the asparagus in 1 tbsp olive oil. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Add shrimp and sauté until golden on both sides.
5. Cook pasta according to package directions.
6. While pasta is cooking, combine all dry ingredients in blender. Pulse for 10 seconds or until finely chopped.
7. Drizzle in olive oil slowly to create the pesto.
8. Add the pesto to the skillet and add the shellfish broth and a little bit of the pasta cooking water.
9. Drain pasta and toss with pesto, seafood and asparagus.

Does earlier to rise mean later to wise?

Drowsy at the desk.
The debate about ideal school start times snoozes on as parents worry about an extra-curricular collision

Studies have shown that young children are natural larks — up with the sun — while adolescents become more owl-like as puberty progresses. ISTOCK

Quinn Cooney of Mill Creek, Wash., is excited about starting high school in September, but she's not looking forward to waking up at 5:30 a.m. to arrive on time. Classes for ninth-graders start at 7:30 a.m., 45 minutes earlier than they did in middle school.

"I think it is going to be harder to get up," said Quinn, 13. "I do think it is better to start early so that we can be finished early and do things after school, but I am worried that if I have a boring class for my first period that it will be hard to stay awake."

Decades of sleep research have confirmed what parents know: It's hard for teenagers to wake up early. Some high schools have adopted late starts around 8:30 a.m. to improve attendance and performance. But other districts say it's too complicated to shift schedules because of logistics involving buses and after-school activities.

About 40 per cent of U.S. public high schools open before 8 a.m., according to the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics, with just 15 per cent starting 8:30 a.m. or later. In districts where early starts are necessary because the same bus does multiple runs for high school, middle school and elementary students, teens often get the early shift.

That's the case in Anne Arundel County, Md., where public high schools start at 7:17 a.m. and buses start running at 5:50 a.m. Lisa Rodvien taught high school there, in Annapolis, and says attendance at her first-period classes was "as low as 50 per cent or below."

Among those who showed up, "I would definitely see three or four kids with their heads down. You walk over to them to wake them up and get them to sit up, and you see that they're exhausted."

Earlier this year, Anne Arundel school officials laid out options for delaying start times to anywhere from 7:32 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. along with potential complications, such as additional costs if buses are added, child care issues where late-day schedules might prevent teens from picking up younger siblings after school and implications for teams if they end up playing in the dark. Bob Mosier, spokesman for Anne Arundel schools, said no decisions have been made.

But the focus on logistics is frustrating for Heather Macintosh, spokeswoman for a national organization called Start School Later that's headquartered in Annapolis.

"What is the priority?" she said. "It should be education, health and safety. All the other stuff may not be perfect — you may have to have your violin lesson before school or install lights on your field (for sports) — but it will work itself out." Megan Kuhfeld, a graduate student at the University of California-Los Angeles who's been studying late-start debates since she was an undergrad at Duke University in North Carolina, surveyed some 35 districts that switched to later starts and found most were glad they'd made the switch.

Not only did students benefit, for the most part, but "the things people had feared — how transportation would be affected, how sports would be affected — became the new normal and people adjusted," she said.

But Kuhfeld knows firsthand the pros and cons of late-start high schools, having attended one in Chapel Hill, N.C. "I enjoyed waking up later than everyone in the area next to me where there were early start times," she said. But as a member of the tennis team, she had to miss sixth and seventh period classes to compete at other schools. In junior and senior year, that meant classes had to be made up. "It was hard to balance everything," she said. "I'd get home at 8 p.m. and hadn't had dinner yet."

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It's about time

Still, advocates say several studies show the benefits of late start schools outweigh the drawbacks.

- In 1996, high school start times in Edina, Minn., changed from 7:20 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The change improved attendance, decreased tardiness and left kids more alert, better prepared and even less depressed and less likely to visit school nurses, according to studies led by Kyla Wahlstrom, director of the Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement at the University of Minnesota.

From A to w

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Moving on up. It's still a struggle for women to win in the working world, but they're fighting a bold battle

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Maintaining a strong online presence is imperative in any entrepreneurial undertaking. ISTOCK

Female entrepreneurship has always lagged behind men's — for decades, women couldn't even open a bank account without a husband or male relative co-signing — but women are making up for lost time. Between 1997 and 2013 the number of women-owned businesses leapt by 59 per cent. Today, according to American Express Open's annual report on female entrepreneurs, there are 8.6 million women-owned businesses in the U.S. Almost a third of firms are owned by women. And female entrepreneurship is undergoing a demographic shift: back in 1997, 17 per cent of firms were owned by women of colour. Today, that number is 31 per cent.

Julie Weeks of Womenable, a consultancy, says all this reflects women's growing educational accomplishments, experience in the workplace, and confidence. Still, entrepreneurship is far from an easy road.

"Only one in 10 or so adults in the U.S. owns their own business," she says. "It is a daunting thing to do. If you don't work, you don't get a paycheque. You have to have a certain iron gut to take that step and do it."

Although plenty of women have that iron gut, women-owned businesses bring in just four per cent of business revenues. In short, most women-owned firms stay small. Very small. Weeks spends a lot of time talking about how female-owned businesses can grow, employ others and help the economy. But she recognizes that many women want to be "solopreneurs" — to build their work around their schedules and to serve clients on their own terms.

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Minding your own business

When going out on your own for the first time, a few rules apply:

- Be prepared to work hard — probably harder than you ever did in an organization. You are now responsible for landing all your own work. Many entrepreneurs need to be in perennial marketing mode to get that next gig.
- Make sure your online presence is up to scratch — that means having an attractive website that accurately describes what you do, and using social media on a regular basis. Depending on what you do, you may also want to start a blog. Have an opinion. You need to stand out amongst many competitors.
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The greatest intern fails

Horror stories galore — including dead dogs and Twitter meltdowns

KATHRYN GILBERT
Metro World News

Cinema reflects all our real life hopes and fears — love affairs, the much feted zombie apocalypse, rags to riches tales, the list goes on. And its latest addition is that post-college, unpaid right of passage, as portrayed by Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson's straight-shooting-titled The Internship. But is it a hope or a fear? In a job market where you need experience to get experience, persuading someone to let you work your ass off for them for free is tough. From hydration politics (for real) to social media meltdowns, we've rounded up the best internship stories. Or perhaps that should be the worst internship stories.

Alan TBH Plumptre

Hats off to the intern who managed to inadvertently allow the death of one of the fashion world's most beloved pets. The intern in question was walking Tatler's in-house dog when his head got stuck in the revolving doors. Despite the media being up in arms over this, nothing is now known of the culprit of the crime — a.k.a. the intern. A silence that speaks volumes.

The intern who tried to bring down Hearst

Diana Wang, the "Intern Muckracker," tried to fight the good fight. Her four-month-long accessories internship with Harper's Bazaar ended in a lawsuit against Hearst that grabbed international headlines. Wang claimed that her 40-hour plus weeks and duties went beyond the legal limits of her arrangement. But whilst it was a brave thing to do, it also didn't really work. Other interns refused to jump on the class action bandwagon and so now her case is limping on solo.

The great Marc Jacobs Twitter implosion

If you're going to break rank and air your dirty laundry in public, there probably isn't a worse way to do it than via social media. Especially not on an account with more than a million followers. But after deciding he couldn't hack it anymore, the intern in charge of Marc Jacobs Intl.'s Twitter informed the entirety of the Internet: "Good luck! I pray for you all. If you get the job! I'm out of here. See ya! Don't want to be ya! Roberts a tyrant! Seriously! He is tough!"

The caste system – via water cooler

Dead dogs, lawsuits and highly public breakdowns have nothing on this horror story. Reported by Fashionista, one former intern wasn't allowed to use the same water cooler as the paid employees. We'll just leave you with that one.

The Tumblr uprising

We have no idea who is behind the new Tumblr called Fashion Intern Problems but it channels the hopes, fears and anxieties of a multitude of souls. Plus, it reads like an entire season of The Hills — if it were written by Lauren Weisberger. And it's got a lot of Beyoncé GIFS. So, you know, win-win.

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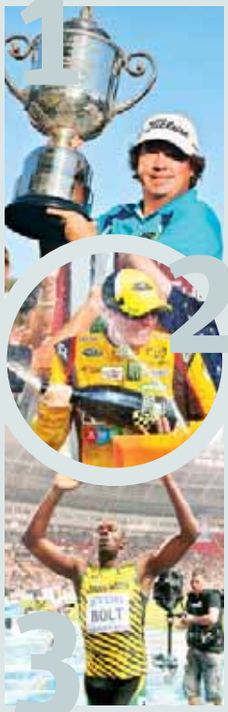

1 Big win, big cup. Duf man downs the field

Jason Dufner won his first major title with a two-stroke victory over Jim Furyk at the PGA Championship.

Dufner shot a 2-under 68 on Sunday to finish at 10-under 270.

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2 Poppin' bottles. Busch wins wild Watkins Glen

Kyle Busch held off Brad Keselowski on a two-lap dash to the finish to win the caution-filled Watkins Glen International on Sunday.

Keselowski finished second in this race a third straight time.

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3 He goes fast. Bolt back on top of the world

Usain Bolt restored order to the world of sprinting by reclaiming the 100-metre world championship gold he lost through a false start in South Korea two years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rafael Nadal celebrates his victory over Canadian Milos Raonic during the Rogers Cup final on Sunday in Montreal. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nadal extends Canadian drought

Rogers Cup. Spaniard beats Ontario's Raonic, who is now ranked 10th in the world

Milos Raonic called it a learning experience.

It certainly wasn't the victory party the Uniprix Stadium crowd was hoping for as Rafael Nadal took only one hour, eight minutes to down Canada's top tennis player 6-2, 6-2 in the $3.49-million US Rogers Cup final on Sunday.

But it had taken 55 years for a Canadian just to get to the final of the country's biggest tournament, so Raonic had much to celebrate despite the defeat.

For one, by reaching the final he will be ranked 10th in the world when the next rankings appear Monday morning, making him the first Canadian to crack the top 10. He will be the youngest player in the top 10 as well.

"The tournament overall was a great thing," the 22-year-old from Thornhill said. "There were a lot of situations that I'm very happy with the way I dealt with them, and there were a lot of learning experiences through it all.

Women's draw

Serena Williams breezed to her third Rogers Cup title with a 6-2, 6-0 victory over unseeded Romanian Sorana Cirstea in Sunday's final.

- Williams's path was cleared by the absence of Maria Sharapova, Victoria Azarenka and Marion Bartoli, all due to injury.

"A lot of stepping stones that I need to do in my career happened this week, so that's great. The match, obviously I'm a little disappointed with myself. I would have hoped to deal with that situation a little bit better."

The last Canadian to reach the final of what was then called the Canadian Open, the now 81-year-old Robert Bedard of Sherbrooke, Que., was among more than 11,000 spectators at centre court to see the power-serving Raonic meticulously taken apart by Nadal's service returns and brilliant baseline play.

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Oliver implodes in loss to A's

R.A. Dickey couldn't keep the baseball in the yard again, but ultimately the Toronto Blue Jays were done in by a faltering bullpen.

After a respectable outing from Dickey, an eighth-inning implosion by veteran reliever Darren Oliver was enough to cost the Blue Jays a 6-4 loss to the Oakland Athletics on Sunday afternoon at Rogers Centre.

Oliver, who hadn't allowed a run in his past five appearances, entered with the score tied 3-3 and managed to retire Home Run Derby champion Yoenis Cespedes without difficulty. The rest of his outing didn't go as smoothly.

A single by the A's right-fielder Josh Reddick and a walk to third baseman Josh Donaldson paved the way for second baseman Alberto Callaspo's two-run double, which Emilio Bonifacio almost came up with at wall in left field.

Back-to-back singles by catcher Stephen Vogt and centre-fielder Coco Crisp made the Blue Jays' deficit three and ended Oliver's afternoon after giving up three earned runs on four hits.

It was the 42-year-old Oliver's second-worst appearance of the season. He allowed four runs in a memorable bullpen collapse on July 23 against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

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Emilio Bonifacio fails to make a catch on Sunday against the Athletics. TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Make an effort to co-operate with people today, even though some of the idiots – sorry, associates – you have to deal with are annoying in the extreme.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Keep your senses on full alert today and you could see or hear something that benefits you in surprising ways. It does not matter what the source happens to be, just make sure you are the first to react – and act.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Greet the week with a song in your heart and a smile on your face and don't let anyone upset you in any way.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't keep your ideas to yourself – make sure everyone knows what is buzzing around that big brain of yours. Someone in a position of power may like one of your ideas to such an extent that he backs it with money.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will enjoy being put to the test over the next seven days. It gives you the chance to show what you can do – and you can do plenty. If ever there was a time to impress important people, that time is now.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be wondering if you are smart enough to compete with people who are more experienced than you. You won't know until you try but the planets indicate you'll do okay.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Even if you are stuck behind a desk or in some other way forced to stay in one place you can imagine where you would like to be – and will be before long if you have anything to do with it. Never stop dreaming.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Get-rich-quick schemes are rarely a good idea, so maybe you should think twice, if not three times, before signing up to something you cannot know for sure will be a success.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
All may seem well with your world at the moment but don't lose sight of the fact that you have an important issue to take care of before the week ahead is done.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
When dealing with people, one-to-one or in groups, focus on what you have in common rather than what divides you.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You will find it easy to express your affection for, well, just about everyone today. It's because you can see a bit of good in each and every individual. The world would be a better place if there were more people like you in it.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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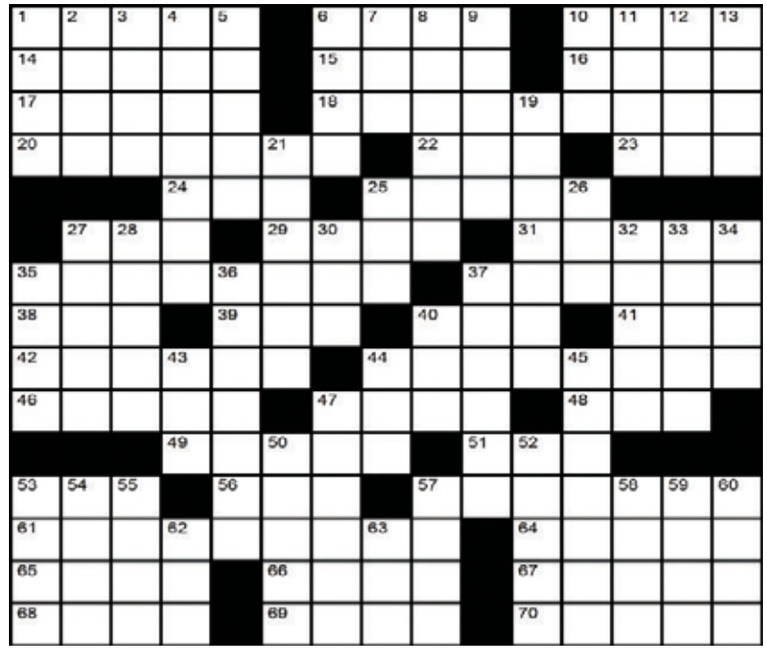


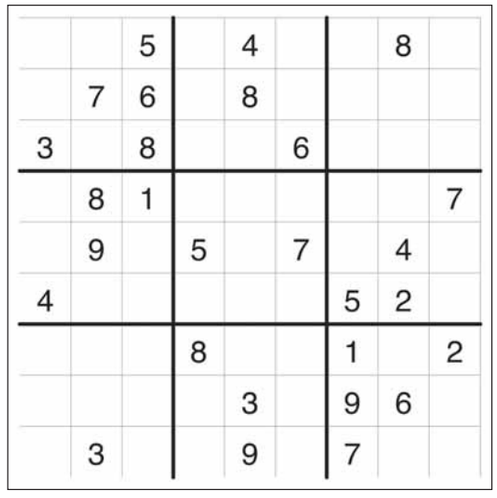
Across
1. __ Bay, NS
6. Butterfingers reaction!
10. Vocalist variety
14. Input user-name/password info: 2 wds.
15. Uncommon
16. Riviere-du-__, QC
17. For everyone to hear
18. Laurentians resort, Mont-__
20. Fridge door decorations
22. The Company org.
23. "__ Boot" (1981)
24. Three, in Italy
25. Finicky
27. Train co.
29. Horse gait
31. Somewhat
35. Car company
37. Glum
38. 1965 hit for The Miracles: "__ Baby Baby"
39. "Ho __" by The Lumineers
40. Banqueted
41. Tony Orlando's tree
42. Actress Laura
44. Common indoor nuisance
46. Apprehension
47. Had in hand
48. Cadillac _ _ _
49. Instrument on The Beatles' "Norwegian Wood"
51. Suffix with 'Capital'
53. Watering hole
56. Small batteries
57. David's formidable opponent
61. Group of Seven painter, _._. __ (b.1882 - d.1974)
64. Accustom or harden
65. Prep the present, with It
66. Betty White's "Hot in Cleveland" role
67. "Me and Bobby __" by Janis Joplin
68. Call from the supermarket counter...
69. Reservations spot
70. Get the tea ready

Down
1. '70s music genre, __ Rock
2. The Kinks hit
3. Excited
4. Canada, for one
5. Bitter-__ (Diehard)
6. Supper scraps
7. Propel the canoe
8. Chopped ahead of time
9. 18-wheelers
10. Totally
11. Bunch of clothes in the washing machine
12. Salmon alternative
13. Selects
19. Channel-Port aux __, Newfoundland
21. Tea bags brand
25. Not against
26. Actor Mr. Brynner
27. Church singing group
28. Likely to
30. Singer, Lana Del __
32. Upward
33. Sigils
34. Like the pen's blue stuff
35. Frigid
36. New Brunswick town, 'The Lobster Capital of the World'
37. Dancer's rehearsal spot
40. ISP, e.g.
43. "If I Ruled the World" rapper
44. Not him
45. Dodo Bird's status
47. Inconvenience
50. Marvin Gaye/Kim Weston duet: "It __ Two"
52. Slenderizes
53. Like the carpenter's wood
54. Funeral rite sight
55. Town that's east of Toronto
57. Pesky bug
58. Eye: German
59. Tire swing supporter
60. Uriah __, Charles Dickens character
62. Appropriate
63. Cheese from Quebec

Friday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Friday's Sudoku

3	9	7	2	8	5	1	6	4
1	8	5	4	9	6	2	7	3
4	2	6	3	1	7	5	9	8
5	4	9	1	3	8	6	2	7
2	6	8	7	5	4	9	3	1
7	1	3	6	2	9	8	4	5
6	3	1	5	4	2	7	8	9
9	5	2	8	7	3	4	1	6
8	7	4	9	6	1	3	5	2

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